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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND AGENDA FOR INITIAL MEETING
OF U.S.-BRAZIL JOINT GROUP ON ENERGY

1. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY U.S. DRAFTS FOR USE IN
OBTAINING GOB VIEWS ON AGENDA AND TERMS OF REFERENCE.
SINCE MINISTER UEKI DOES NOT WISH TO CONVENE INITIAL
MEETING OF JOINT ENERGY GROUP, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
BRAZILIAN VIEWS ON DATE FOR MEETING. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE
TO HAVE AT LEAST 30 DAYS LEAD TIME IN ORDER THAT APPRO-
PRIATE REPRESENTATION CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE:

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"THE U.S.-BRAZIL JOINT GROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE U.S. AND BRAZIL CONCERNING CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST SIGNED IN BRASILIA, ON FEBRUARY 21, 1976.

GOVERNMENTAL FORUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ENERGY

TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, THE SETTING OF PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION AND THE DISCUSSION OF OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AS MAY BE WARRANTED. THE JOINT GROUP WILL ALSO ACT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF COOPERATIVE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS INVOLVING U.S. AND BRAZILIAN AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES AND PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC ASSESSMENT OF ON-GOING PROGRAMS.

"WITHIN THE ABOVE CONTEXT, THE JOINT ENERGY TECHNOLOGY GROUP WILL:

"1. IDENTIFY ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AREAS IN BOTH COUNTRIES LENDING THEMSELVES TO COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL.

"2. ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION.

"3. RECOMMEND TO APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES WHAT APPEAR TO BE PROMISING AREAS FOR JOINT ACTIVITIES.

"4. FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF SUCH SPECIFIC PROJECTS AS THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY AGREE TO UNDERTAKE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERNAL REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

"5. REVIEW, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN BOTH COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT BE COORDINATED TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION.

"6. MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF ON-GOING COOPERATION TO
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ENSURE THAT SUBSTANTIVE BENEFIT IS BEING DERIVED.

"7. COORDINATE, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE JOINT GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

"MEETINGS:

"MEETINGS OF THE JOINT ENERGY TECHNOLOGY GROUP SHOULD

BE HELD PERIODICALLY AS MAY BE AGREED BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BRAZIL. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE SESSIONS WILL BE SITED ALTERNATELY IN WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA.

"CHAIRMEN:

"U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BRAZIL WILL EACH DESIGNATE A CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT GROUP WHO IN ADDITION TO HEADING THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS AT GROUP MEETINGS WILL ARRANGE FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE GROUP TO BE CONTINUED BETWEEN FORMAL MEETINGS."

3. PRELIMINARY AGENDA:

"A. U.S.-BRAZIL JOINT GROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (GET)

1. SHORT PRESENTATION OF U.S. AND BRAZILIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

OIL SHALE DEVELOPMENT
SOLAR ENERGY
HYDROGEN
WIND ENERGY
COAL MINING TECHNOLOGY
COAL PREPARATION
COAL CONVERSION
POST-COMBUSTION POLLUTION CONTROL

2. DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.
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4. ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. SCHEDULING.

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